

ImmuNet



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Happy Birthday to ImmuNet

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Here is an excuse to celebrate with some cake and ice cream. **ImmuNet** turned one on June 21, 2005! Our 37 sites have contributed to the over 475,000 child and adult immunization records available to **ImmuNet** providers. We are proud to have had such a successful year and are looking forward to getting your practice on board with **ImmuNet**! As a gift, our staff has put together a list of helpful tips!



Welcome to the **ImmuNet** Family!

Bethany Pediatrics

Bowling Brook
Preparatory School

Carroll Family
Medicine

Coventry Health
Care of Delaware

Dr. Pamela Parker

Menchavez Pediatrics

Somerset County
Department of Health

Wald Clinic

Helpful Tips for Using ImmuNet

With back-to-school around the corner, some of these tips might be helpful in making **ImmuNet** more efficient. If you are unsure about how to use any of these features, please contact our office by phone or email and we will be happy to help.

- Even if you are sure that a patient is new to **ImmuNet**, please do a search for that patient before entering them. This will cut down on the number of duplicates in the system.
- Remember to inactivate your vaccine lots as they expire or are used up so your vaccine choices will be accurate.
- Use the double-click feature when adding vaccines. This method will save you some time!
- Only inactivate patients (on the

demographic screen) if you are sure they have relocated out of state or are now deceased. Please do not inactivate a patient if they move to a different practice in Maryland.

- The Immunization Certificate (DHMH Form 896) can be found under State Reports. Please use it for this busy back to school season.
- When entering an adult in **ImmuNet** there is no need to enter their guardian's information. If they are over 18, simply enter their name as the guardian.

Please remember that your comments and suggestions for improvement are always welcome. You may reach us at 410-767-6794 or email Mdimmunet@dhmh.state.md.us

Visit us on the web!
www.MDImmuNet.org

Next Maryland
Childhood
Immunization
Partnership (MCIP)
meeting is
August 9, 2005 at
2 pm
at the Howard County
Health Department.

For more information
call
410-902-4677



Center for Immunization
Maryland Department
of Health and
Mental Hygiene
410-767-6679

Questions of the Quarter

Please forward your questions via email to jedwards@dhhmh.state.md.us

Dear **ImmuNet**,

I am a Baltimore City Physician and I participate in the Baltimore City Registry Program (BIRP). Sometimes, I see patients who live in Baltimore County. I want to have access to **ImmuNet** so I can review the immunization histories on those patients who live in the county or have moved from other parts of Maryland. Is that possible?

-City Doc

Dear City Doc,

ImmuNet is available to all immunization providers in Maryland. Simply complete the enrollment packet and we will get you started on the path to becoming an ImmuNet user.

Baltimore City has a city ordinance that mandates that all immunizations given within the city limits be reported to BIRP. Using ImmuNet does not free you from this mandate. However, ImmuNet can help you comply. ImmuNet has a variety of reports that you can create, one of which will create a shot history of all patients vaccinated at your site in any time period. Thus, by simply creating and printing this report and reporting it to the necessary personnel at BIRP you will be in compliance with the ordinance.

-ImmuNet



Dear **ImmuNet**,

I am very interested in participating in **ImmuNet**, but don't know how intensive the enrollment process is. Can you share more about that process?

-Nurse Smyth

Dear Nurse Smyth ,

The enrollment process is painless. Once you have made the decision to enroll in ImmuNet, we can mail you the enrollment packet or it is downloadable on the web. Once you complete the three mandatory forms, the password request form, the confidentiality agreement and the site enrollment form, you can fax them to our office. Our staff will contact your office within one week of receipt of your documents to set up your staff. There are a variety of training mechanisms which include onsite or online. The training takes about one hour.

-ImmuNet

Online **ImmuNet** Demonstrations Still Available

Want to see what **ImmuNet** can do for your office? Check out our website for an online demonstration. Choose a live online demonstration and get your questions answered in real time or view

the archived demonstration and call us anytime with your questions. Both demonstrations take approximately 30 minutes and will highlight the nuts and bolts of **ImmuNet**. See you online!